



# Southeast Fishery Bulletin

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## Re-opening of the Recreational Red Snapper Season in the Gulf of Mexico Small Entity Compliance Guide

NOAA Fisheries Service announces the re-opening of the recreational red snapper fishing season in the Gulf of Mexico. Based on a recommendation by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, the recreational red snapper fishing season will be opened for eight consecutive weekends (Friday through Sunday), beginning **October 1, 2010**. The re-opening is effective each weekend, from **12:01 a.m., local time, Fridays, through 12:01 a.m., local time, Mondays**. The fishing season will close for the remainder of 2010 at 12:01 a.m., local time, November 22, 2010. The intent of this action is to provide fishermen the opportunity to harvest the recreational red snapper quota, and enhance the social and economic benefits to the fishery.

During the weekend open periods, the bag and possession limit for recreational red snapper is two fish per person. However, no red snapper may be retained by the captain and crew of a vessel operating as a charter vessel or headboat. Retained fish must be a minimum of 16 inches total length.

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This bulletin provides only a summary of the information regarding this rulemaking. Any discrepancies between this bulletin and the regulations published in the *Federal Register* will be resolved in favor of the *Federal Register*.

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